

Mr. Editor, Please advise in NEWS AND HERALD if selling and smoking tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, cosmetics, proprietary medicines, bought and in stock, prior to Stamp Act, are subject to any new tax?

We country merchants are in the dark and any information given will be appreciated. A. W. Ladd.  
Dawkins, S. C., July 9, 1898.

We take pleasure in giving the information. We can safely say that our country merchants need give themselves no worry as far as tobacco in any form is concerned.

(1) The act requires dealers in leaf tobacco whose annual sales do not exceed fifty thousand pounds to pay an annual tax of six dollars, and where the sales exceed fifty thousand pounds and do not exceed one hundred thousand pounds are required to pay twelve dollars, and if their annual sales exceed one hundred thousand pounds they are required to pay twenty-four dollars. Our country merchants handle manufactured tobacco, and do not come within the class of "dealers in leaf tobacco."

(2) Dealers in tobacco whose annual sales exceed fifty thousand pounds shall each pay twelve dollars. The act defines "dealers in tobacco" to be "every person whose business it is to sell, or offer for sale, manufactured tobacco, provided, that no manufacturer of tobacco, snuff, or cigars shall be required to pay a special tax as dealer in manufactured tobacco and cigars for selling his own products at the place of manufacture."

(3) Manufacturers of tobacco and cigars are required to pay an annual tax according to the amount of their sales, but as there are no manufacturers of tobacco and cigars in this country, it is not necessary to say anything about them for the purpose of answering Mr. Ladd's question.

The amount of the tax in all cases is computed on the basis of the annual sales for the preceding fiscal year. It will be noted that class (2), dealers in tobacco, is the only one under which our country merchants could come, and it is hardly likely that any of them sell as much as fifty thousand pounds, annually, so they need not worry about tobacco or cigars. Of course, if their annual sales exceed fifty thousand pounds, they will have to pay an annual tax or license of twelve dollars.

(4) As to the stock of tobacco, cigars, cigarettes and snuff on hand, every person having on hand for sale "in excess of one thousand pounds of manufactured tobacco and twenty thousand cigars or cigarettes," are required to make "a full and true return under oath in duplicate of the quantity thereof, in pounds as to tobacco and snuff and in thousands as to cigars and cigarettes so held" on the day succeeding the passage of the act, and such return must be sent to the collector or deputy collector. "A tax equal to one half the difference between the tax already paid on such articles at the time of removal from the factory or custom house and the tax levied in this act upon such articles is required." It is not likely that any of our merchants carry so large a stock as "one thousand pounds of manufactured tobacco and twenty thousand cigars." They need not, therefore, trouble about this tax.

With the stock of perfumery, cosmetics and proprietary medicines on hand, it is quite different. Where the box, bottle or other inclosure, with its contents, shall not exceed, at the retail price or value, five cents, an one-eighth of one cent stamp must be affixed; where the retail price or value is more than five cents and does not exceed ten cents, two-eighths of one cent must be affixed; where over ten cents, and not over fifteen cents, three-eighths of one cent; where more than fifteen cents, and not more than twenty-five cents, five-eighths of one cent. And for each additional twenty-five cents of retail price or value or fractional part thereof in excess of twenty-five cents, five-eighths of one cent.

This we think fully answers Mr. Ladd's question. The merchant need not affix his stamps before selling cosmetics, &c., but can do so as they are sold.

While nobody doubts that had Sampson been in front of Santiago harbor when Cervera made his bold and desperate dash for liberty, the American Admiral would have destroyed the fleet as effectually as Schley. Sampson was off attending to other duties, and Schley had the opportunity, and he lost no time in taking it. It was Schley, who first discovered Cervera's fleet in the harbor, and it was peculiarly appropriate that he should destroy it. We were surprised that his name nowhere appeared in the first dispatches, but the reporters are now giving Schley the credit.

This report that Barrow, the soldier, who volunteered to shoot the only dynamite gun in the army, had been wounded is untrue. Barrow says that he has sent several dynamite shots into Santiago.

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## WHY THE DISCRIMINATION?

The News and Herald calls the attention of representatives of the South in Congress to what appears an unwarranted discrimination against the volunteers of the South. Not a single regiment or military organization of any kind from the South has been ordered to Cuba, and our contemporary adds point to this by showing that "two regiments from Pennsylvania, two from Wisconsin, one from Ohio, one from Illinois, one from Massachusetts and one from Rhode Island, constituting a force of about 8,000 men, under command of Gen. Wilson, were on the way from Chickamauga and Camp Alger" to Santiago to reinforce Gen. Shafter. These regiments were in Charleston at the time the article in the News and Herald appeared. Besides these regiments, an Illinois regiment and a District of Columbia regiment had already embarked at Tampa for the front. Our contemporary continuing says: "The last South Carolina regiment was left 'bottled up like Cervera's fleet' at Chickamauga without having received a single gun, or a knife, or a fork, or a canteen, or knapsack or shirt" to equip them for service. Besides all this it was noted, "Gen. Brooke's corps will soon go to Porto Rico, but the South Carolina regiment will not be in that corps' either."

If the South Carolina troops were the only ones slighted from the South the discrimination would not so conspicuously reveal the sectional lines, but as the News and Herald very correctly says, the same thing is true of every southern regiment. All of the first commands sent to Cuba were from the northern States, and even this would not have excited any comment or surprise, but now when reinforcements are going to the front, again not a regiment south of Ohio is sent to the front. Our contemporary is very puzzled to know the reason for this strange conduct of the war, and it makes a good point when it says that it can't be that the South has not furnished the volunteers. The South has responded to the call just as promptly as the North.

It is hoped that this war will do much to wipe out sectional lines, but if the sectional line is to be drawn in the composition of the army of invasion, and the South is not given an equal chance with the North, the war will tend to emphasize sectional lines, instead of obliterating them.

We do not agree with the News and Herald that "no adequate explanation can be offered for it."

The real explanation is that the Government has not been prompt in equipping the regiments. Many of the Northern States have been making large appropriations to equip their quota of troops, and before the war began they supported their State military organizations liberally by annual appropriations, and the South has not done so. Now when war actually begins, the North is ready, and the South is not. Inexperienced quartermasters, with political pull, have been given positions, and the consequence is that the Government is not equipping her soldiers. The News and Herald's criticism should be directed towards the tardiness in equipping the Southern regiments, and not because they have not been sent to the front. The truth is they are in no condition to go to the front.

## UNFAIR CRITICISM.

The break down of General Wheeler at the beginning of the siege of Santiago ought to be a lesson to McKimley against the appointment of old men to high positions for active duty. This day, General Wheeler is undoubtedly more active than some of the other generals appointed, some of whom have lost limbs and are not fit to handle large forces. It is impossible for them to inspect large lines and locate the strong and the weak points. An army needs live, active, officers. Cripples and old men in their second childhood are not the ones to place at the head of brave men.—Columbia Record.

This is unfair and unjust. What ever may be said of Mr. McKinley's appointments, he ought not to be censured for appointing a man of Gen. Joe Wheeler's age. It should not be forgotten that Gen. Young, who can not be called an old man, was also ill during the battle, and a special to the New York World from Washington also stated that Gen. Shafter was ill, though the authorities concealed it from the public. Many privates were prostrated by the heat. These privates had passed through a rigid physical examination, and it would be just as fair to criticize the President for allowing them to be enlisted as to criticizing the President for having appointed the dashing and gallant Wheeler. Then it ought not to be forgotten that in spite of his illness and against the advice of his physician Wheeler was on the field, and he seems to have done his duty.

Now that the war department will send the examining surgeon to examine and muster into service, whenever it is reported that at least 75 men are ready to be examined, we hope that the 2nd South Carolina regiment will be recruited rapidly. We hope that Mr. Hanshan's company will get in among the first.

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The attitude of Germany is very suspicious, and her conduct makes the average citizen believe that she is very anxious to take a hand in this war. Germany has, it is said, less than a hundred citizens at Manila, yet she has at Manila a formidable fleet of five warships. When the Charleston and the transports conveyed by her arrived at Manila, the German warships filed in behind them, and it is thought very close inspection of our vessels were made by the German naval officers. The President's cabinet is said to have discussed the attitude of Germany a few days ago, and it was given out that the cabinet accepted in good faith the friendly assertions of Germany, but a member of the cabinet is reported to have said after the meeting that the truth is the cabinet is deeply concerned about Germany's strange action in the Philippines. Germans form a large part of our population, and there is every reason why we should desire friendly relations with the Empire, but it is about time that a thorough understanding was reached. If it is really true that her fleet at Manila are making a demonstration, Germany has been guilty of disrespect towards America. It is no time for foolishness.

The Greenville News adds one more pun to the stock of war puns. It says that it cannot resist the observation that while Dewey was severe at Manila, Sampson was Cervera at Santiago.

We shall take pleasure in publishing the names of residents in town who will furnish board and lodging to students at Mt. Zion as suggested in the communication of J. Q. D.

## MOSSY DALE DOTS.

Since my last we have been blessed with a good season. We have had rain for the past few days, so much so that it has put a quietus on farm work. Corn has improved considerably; cotton growing nicely; gardens improving.

We are now in telephone communication with the city, and can't we get the news? We are no slow people when it comes to keeping up with the times and current events. Mr. T. F. Curlee has a "phone in his store; also Messrs. Curlee, Stewart and Rush have branch offices. It is proposed to extend the line to Jennings in the near future.

I am glad to learn that Lieut. Hobson and his gallant men have been exchanged and are now under "Old Glory" again.

There was a picnic and ice cream festival at Mr. J. R. Curlee's last night; also an ice cream festival at Mr. J. W. Boyd's. Several from this community attended each one.

Mrs. G. W. Brooks has gone on a visit to Columbia with Mr. Thackam, who has been visiting the family.

Mr. G. W. Brooks went down to the city yesterday with Mr. A. G. Bookman, who was in the neighborhood on business.

We had a visit from the deputy sheriff of Newberry a few days ago, who is trying to find the family of the woman said to have been murdered for which our friends Messrs. Thos. and Jas. Blair and others are to be tried. Do not know what success he met with. T. B. McK.

July 9, 1898.

## The Sure La Grippe Cure.

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## GENERAL "JOE" WHEELER.

Washington Star.

The first communications received by General Shafter from in front of Santiago were signed "Wheeler." They came from General "Joe" Wheeler, in command of the advance guard of the American troops. As stories of heroes are the order of the day, that of this hero is appropriate. General Wheeler was one of the ardent advocates in Congress of freedom for Cuba. He spoke with earnestness in the debates, and whenever opportunity offered he voted in accordance with his sentiments. Seeing that war was inevitable, he offered his services to the government even before war was declared. His, indeed, was the first application placed on file. A graduate of West Point, distinguished for valor shown in the army of the Confederacy, he had knowledge and experience for field service which he knew would profit his government, and although he had reached an age entitling him to rest he asked for an assignment which would send him at once to the front.

The president gladly complied with the veteran's wishes, and shipped the decorated two stars on his shoulders. General Wheeler was off at once. He was in camp at Chickamauga the following week getting his command into shape, was among the first to proceed to the Florida coast, and was chosen then to go with the first expedition to Cuba. He was among the first shore in Cuba, and was placed by General Shafter in command of the advance guard. So that the splendid dash of the American troops which, to the admiration of their countrymen and to the amazement of their enemies, has carried them almost at a bound to within plain sight of Santiago has been directed in part by this plucky representative of the true American spirit.

General Wheeler is sixty-two years old. Two months ago he was suffering in the House from a high Alabama district, and had not drawn a sword in battle for thirty-three years. In a day he passed from the council to the camp, and is now in the front rank in the thick of the war again. It is a safe thing to say that the world pays tribute everywhere. Alabama is reaping a liberal share of glory, but not more than she is deserving. Mr. Morgan in the Senate urging the annexation of Hawaii, Lieut. H. B. Sargeant in the House for an act of the highest heroism, and General Wheeler's hand there also ready to release him, make a most attractive trio.

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## ATTENTION, U. S. V.

Charleston, S. C., July 9, 1898.

General Order No. 58.

1. The following arrangements for the South Carolina Division are announced for the Atlanta, Ga., reunion, which will be held July 20-24th, 1898. It has been found impracticable to adopt any one route for transportation, the division will have to gather in Atlanta.

2. A hall for the use of the South Carolina Division has been secured, in the Brown Block, opposite the passenger entrance to the union depot. It will be designated by the Headquarters of the Palmetto Flag. This will be the gathering place of South Carolinians during the reunion.

All comrades will report there and register. 3. It was impossible to secure a hotel for the accommodation of all the South Carolinians. The following are convenient to our headquarters, and have promised special attention to members of the South Carolina Division: Hotel Westminster, Marietta street, near postoffice. Albion Hotel, Marietta street, near postoffice. Talmadge Hotel, 43 Walton street, near postoffice. Davis House, 45 Walton street, near postoffice.

4. Atlanta will undoubtedly be crowded and all South Carolinians attending will find it to their advantage to write ahead and secure their board in advance. 5. On the fair grounds, near the auditorium for the meetings, will be accommodation and meals for such as cannot find places in the city. 6. The division and brigade commanders and their staffs will have quarters at No. 123 North Pryor street, near Peachtree, next to the "Grand."

7. Delegates will call at division headquarters, Brown Block, on the morning of July 20th, before the opening of the convention, to receive their badge, which will entitle them to enter the convention part of the auditorium, and admit them to other privileges of the reunion. The badges are different from the veteran's badge, which will be given to all veterans.

8. Orders of this division during the reunion will be posted at the headquarters, Brown Block, and all comrades are requested to call there from time to time as to keep themselves in touch with the division. 9. Miss Marguerite Sloan, youngest daughter of Col. J. B. E. Sloan, Charleston, is hereby announced as maid of honor to the division sponsor, Miss Emmie Sweet James, daughter of Gen. Wm. E. James, of Darlington, S. C., (heretofore announced in General Order No. 36).

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Jas. G. Holmes, Adjutant General, Chief of Staff.

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Jas. G. Holmes, Adjutant General, Chief of Staff.

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I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Probate Judge for Fairfield County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries. JNO. J. NEIL

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to a seat in the House of Representatives from Fairfield County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries. J. G. WOLLING.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the General Assembly, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries. R. A. McNEES.

The friends of Mr. E. B. Ragsdale respectfully announce him for the House of Representatives, subject to the Democratic primary.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for election to the General Assembly, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries. J. B. MORRISON.

The friends of Capt. W. J. JOHNSON respectfully place him in nomination for the House of Representatives, subject to the result of the Democratic primaries.

The friends of Hon. R. Y. LEMMON announce him for re-election to the General Assembly, subject to the Democratic primaries.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for election to the Legislature, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries. C. S. FORD.

## COUNTY TREASURER.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Treasurer of Fairfield County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries. W. W. CROSBY.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Treasurer of Fairfield County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary or primaries. HUGH S. WYLIE.

The friends of Mr. J. R. CURLEE present his name to the voters of Fairfield County as a candidate for County Treasurer, subject to the result of the Democratic primaries.

For the office of Supervisor of Fairfield County, I hereby announce myself a candidate, subject to the action of the Democratic party as expressed through the primary election or elections. S. B. CRAWFORD.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Supervisor for Fairfield, subject to the action of the Democratic primary election. G. Y. LANGFORD.

For the office of Supervisor of Fairfield County, I hereby announce myself a candidate, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries. J. B. BURLEY.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Supervisor for Fairfield County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary or primaries. T. C. LEITNER.

## COUNTY AUDITOR.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of County Auditor, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries. J. L. RICHMOND.

The many friends of J. A. BALLENTINE announce him as a candidate for the office of Auditor for Fairfield County, believing that he will successfully fill the same if he is elected.

## COUNTY Supt. EDUCATION.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Superintendent of Education for Fairfield County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries. T. M. BOULWARE.

The many friends of Mr. D. L. STEVENSON respectfully nominate him for re-election to the office of Superintendent of Education, believing that the improved condition of the public schools is conclusive proof that he is the right man in the right place; subject to the action of the Democratic party.

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## SUMMONS.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

Laura McCants, Plaintiff,

against

Susan Hamilton, Oscar Hamilton, Joseph Hamilton, John Hamilton, Frances Hamilton, Sadie (or Sarah) Hamilton and A. Selden Kennedy,

as Executors of the Will of J. P. Kennedy, deceased, Defendants.